

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on April 6, 2016 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in the third floor Hearing Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, Chair – *via telephone*
Mary M. Brown, RN – *via telephone*
Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member – *via telephone*
Geraldine Marrocco, RN – *via telephone*
Gina M. Reiners, RN – *via telephone*
Carrie Simon, Public Member – *via telephone*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Long, APRN

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy M. Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH
Joanne V. Yandow, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH
Pamela Pelletier-Stevens, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Helen Centeno, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Patricia Fennessy, RN, Connecticut Technical High School System – *via telephone*
Regina Wrenn, RN, Vinal Technical School – *via telephone*

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

FACT-FINDING

Vinal Technical School, Middletown, CT – LPN Program Closure

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Carrie Simon, to vacate the vote from fact-finding on March 23, 2016. The motion passed with all in favor except Geraldine Marrocco who abstained.

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, that due to the program's failure to maintain an average passing rate of at least 80% of the students taking the licensing examination as required by regulations, to delay the current class to graduate in January 2107 and to take the NCLEX examination. If the pass rate on the examination is less than 80 percent, the program will be ordered to close. Mary Brown voted in favor of the motion. All other Board members voted in opposition, therefore the motion failed.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, second by Carrie Simon, to issue a decision recommending to the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health that the LPN program at Vinal Technical School be closed immediately. The motion passed with all in favor except Mary Brown who was opposed.

Mary Brown and Carrie Simon left the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, second by Lisa Freeman, recommending that closure of the program proceed pursuant to § 20-90-47(h) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (Public Health Code). The motion passed with all members present voting in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc., Chair
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